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## **KC MAN CONVICTED OF POSSESSING COUNTERFEIT \$100 BILLS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was convicted by a federal jury today of possessing with intent to use counterfeit \$100 bills.

**Trent Williams**, 27, of Kansas City, was found guilty at the conclusion of a trial that began Feb. 11, 2004. Jurors deliberated about an hour before returning a guilty verdict to U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning.

In a separate but related case, **Betty D. James**, 25, of Raytown, Mo., was sentenced on May 30, 2003, to a five-year term of probation after pleading guilty to making counterfeit \$100 bills on her computer scanner/printer in November 2001. After creating the counterfeit bills, Graves explained, **James** gave some of them to **Williams**. When **Williams** was arrested on Nov. 16, 2001, he was in possession of seven counterfeit \$100 bills, including five bills with serial numbers matching the counterfeit bills recovered from **James'** apartment.

Under federal statutes, **Williams** could be subject to a sentence of up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christina Y. Tabor. It was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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